

**Milwaukee Military Memorials: Inventory Sheet**  
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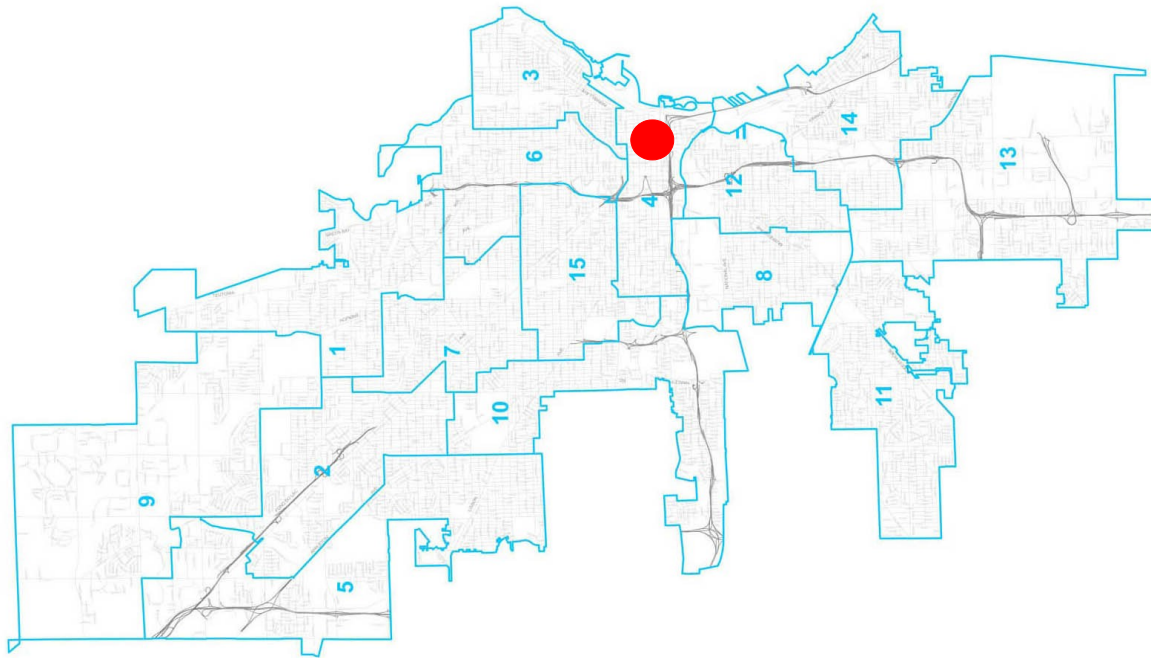
General Information							
Title(s)	Red Arrow Park Memorial					Property No.	Ald.04 - 09
Subject Matter(s)	Monument, flagpole, plaques						
Current Location	Ald. District	4th					
	Street Address	In the middle of Red Arrow Park, E. State St., N. Water St., & E. Kilbourn Ave.					
	Geographical Coordination	Latitude	43° 2'34.15"N	Longitude	87°54'35.93"W		
Previous Location(s) (if applicable)	Street Address	N/A					
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Dedicated to soldiers of	Revolutionary War <input type="checkbox"/> Civil War <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish-American War <input type="checkbox"/> WWI <input type="checkbox"/> WWII <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam War <input type="checkbox"/> All wars <input type="checkbox"/>						
	Description	And 1961 Berlin Crisis					
Patron(s) or Sponsor(s)	32 <sup>nd</sup> Red Arrow Division & Milwaukee County Park Commission						
Designer(s)	Unknown						
Manufacturer(s)	Unknown						
Costs	Unknown						
Current Owner(s)	National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/>						
	Description						
Dedication Date	November 11, 1984 (Red granite monument)						
Other Dates							
Descriptive Physical Condition							
Description of the place (location)	The Red Arrow granite monument is located almost in the middle of the park, in front of the Starbucks coffeeshop entrance. East and west faces are polished and the west side has inscription on the base, looking towards Water Street. Perpendicular to that, the flagpole stands						

	in the lawn on a round concrete foundation. On its two sides (east and west), two plaques on boulders are located on the ground in the lawn, facing north. Benches and garbage bins are located on the edge of the lawn, which caused visual blockage of the plaques.
Features and materials	<p>The memorial consists of a monument, a flagpole and two plaques on boulders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>α Monument: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Red granite, polished on two main sides, shaped as Red Arrow insignia, 8 feet high and 4 feet wide.</li> <li>○ Gray granite, rough, as the base.</li> </ul> </li> <li>α Flagpole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Steel, with a bronze ball on the top.</li> </ul> </li> <li>α Plaques <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Two bronze plaques on rough gray granite boulders</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Inscription(s) (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>α <u>Base of the monument:</u> <p>“32<sup>nd</sup> Red Arrow Division “Les Terribles””</p> </li> <li>α <u>Plaque on boulder on the ground, right side of the flagpole:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ “32<sup>nd</sup> Division Red Arrow Memorial Park” Red Arrow insignia “”Les Terribles” Army of Occupation Berlin Crisis 1961-1962 In memory of our honored dead”</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Left <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ “Haute-Aisace Alsne-Marne Olse-Aisne Meuse-Argonne Germany WW 1 1917-1919”</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Right <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ “Buna Morotai Saidor Biak Aitape Leyte Driniumor Luzon Detached Africa Sicily Italy Japan WW 2 1940-1946”</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>α <u>Plaque on boulder on the ground, left side of the flagpole:</u> <p>“32<sup>nd</sup> Division Creed To Foster the spirit of the Red Arrow and to Perpetuate in act and deed, by strong</p> </li> </ul>

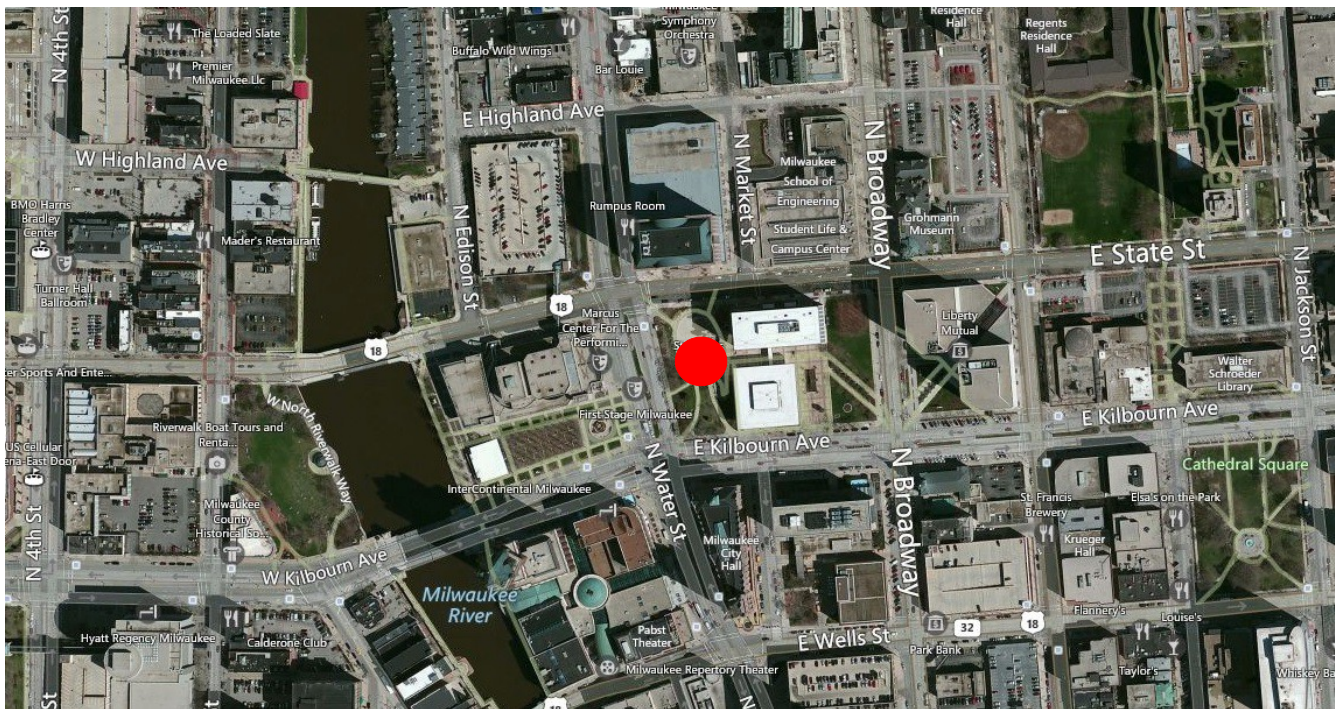
	<p>Americanism, the memory of our dead comrades, who by their supreme sacrifice permitted us to return in honor. The spirit of the thirty second division never dies.”</p> <p>α Plaque on the flagpole:  “Milwaukee County Park Commission gratefully acknowledges the gifts of this flag pole and the wood benches and planters. Donated by the Milwaukee District Federated Garden Clubs Incorporated”</p>	
Architectural Pathology	Element	Deterioration
	Monument	The monument is in a good and stable physical condition. The granite base is contaminated by melted candles wax.
	Eastern plaque's base	The granite boulder's corner is damaged.
	Bronze surfaces	Some minor contamination and scratches can be seen on the bronze.
<b>History</b>		
Date	Events	
-	<p>Former Red Arrow Park:</p> <p>“Red Arrow took its name from a little park at 10<sup>th</sup> and Wisconsin which was destroyed for freeway use. That park had been a resting place for sailors, old men who live the area, and tired shoppers. Children played in its wading pool. When that oasis was destroyed, many lamented its passing,. Is name will be preserved in the more formal setting next to City Hall and the Performing Art Center.” (Milwaukee Journal, April 17, 1970)</p> <p>“After World War I, the citizens of Milwaukee created a park between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> streets on the south side of Wisconsin Avenue dedicated to the men of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Red Arrow Division who came from Wisconsin. Many of the division's 13,000 casualties in that war came from the Milwaukee area. Red Arrow Park remained a memorial park until the North-South Freeway (I-43) was built, which required the acquisition of the small park. In its fine judgment, Milwaukee County relocated Red Arrow Park – now honoring the veterans who served in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Division World War I, World War II and Berlin Crisis, in the block just north of City Hal. (Milwaukee Journal, November 20, 1998)</p>	
April 17, 1970	<p>New Red Arrow Park:</p> <p>“Development of Red Arrow Park, north of City Hall and east of Performing Arts Center, is underway. The Park is to be completed by Oct. 1. Workmen were excavating this week for footing for a six foot wall to run on the east side about half the length of a raised center mall. The wall, backed by trimmed hawthorn trees, will form a backdrop for benches and eventually a fountain, county park officials said. The fountain water will fall on washed river stone in a rectangular setting. It will be installed when funds are available. In the meantime, park spokesmen said, the rest of the park will be finished. The fountain area (indicated on the accompanying sketch [illustration 3] as a pool) will be at one end of a textured paved mall running north and south. Main entrances will be between two pillars on Kilbourn Ave. and up broad risers on the northwest end.” (Milwaukee Journal, April 17, 1970)</p> <p>“Lawn and gardens. Along the eastern edge and in the southwestern corner of the park will be rolling lawn. On either side of the walkway of the mall will be flower gardens backed by ledge rock and hedges. In the center of the walkway will be four raised rectangular planters interspaced filled with pebbles. Light poles, 10 feet in height, will line the walkway. A 35 foot tall light pol in the center of the park will cast light on the entire area. It will stand next to the northwest entrance. Pebble finished pavement will lead in from the northwest entrance. Breaking up this board expanse will be two plantings of flowering crab apple trees or similar</p>	

	<p>tree type, officials said. The moderately design of the 1.2 acre park will harmonize with the Performing Art Center and still serve a a place for relaxation. The Park Commission awarded contracts totaling \$175,127 for development of the park. City Hall workers who parked their cars at the site, bounded by State, Water, Kilbourn and Market Sts., have had to look elsewhere for parking. The park and Pere Marquette Park, a 1.3 acre strip of land across the river from the Performing Arts Center, will add natural beauty to the center.” (Milwaukee Journal, April 17, 1970)</p> <p>“Howard W. Gregg. General manager of parks and a landscape architect by profession, said the park's natural beauty would offset the dramatic design and broad planned architecture of the center. Pere Marquette Park, the name once belonged to a park at 4<sup>th</sup> and Michigan in front of the old Milwaukee Road Station, is now planted in grass. Eventually a design is to be a approved and money provided for its development. (Milwaukee Journal, April 17, 1970)</p>
1998-1999	<p>Skate rink in the park:</p> <p>α Opposing the idea:          “This hallowed memorial park dedicated to the men who served in the famous division is no place to have a skating rink. Such a use will degrade its intended memorial purpose. I join with the 300 members of the Milwaukee Red Arrow Club and the hundreds of members of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Division Veterans Association throughout the country in expressing opposition to the skating rink at Red Arrow Memorial Park. Thomas J. Makal Sr. Colonel, retired, 32<sup>nd</sup> Division, Wisconsin Army, National Guard, Mequon” (Milwaukee Journal, November 20, 1998)</p> <p>α Establishment:          “The \$2.4 million ice skating rink and adjacent building opened in December 1999. The late philanthropist Jane Pettit contributed \$750,000 toward construction. Local businesses and Milwaukee county provided the rest.” (Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, October 27, 2001)</p>
2001	<p>Starbucks in the park:</p> <p>“Starbucks Coffee Co. wants to skate in on the action at the downtown ice rink. The upscale coffee retailer would like to open a store at Milwaukee County's Red Arrow Park, handling skate rentals while it serves up food and beverages, according to a company representing Starbucks.” (Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, October 27, 2001)</p>
<b>Notes</b>	
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Illustrations:

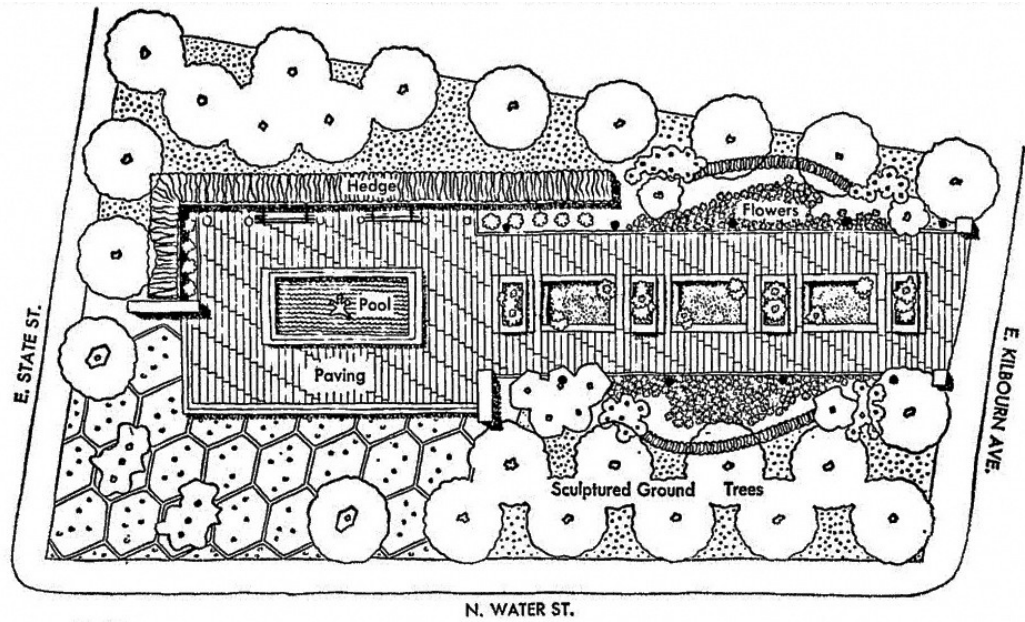


*Illustration 1: The current location of the monument.*



*Illustration 2: The current location of the monument. (<http://www.bing.com/maps/>)*





*Illustration 3: The proposed new Red Arrow Park. (Milwaukee Journal, April 17, 1970)*



*Illustration 4: General view of Red Arrow Park and the memorial, looking northeast. (Nader Sayadi, August 19, 2014)*



*Illustration 5: Red Arrow Memorial, including the monument (left), and the flagpole and two plaques (right), looking southeast. (Nader Sayadi, August 19, 2014)*



*Illustration 6: Red Arrow granite monument. (Nader Sayadi, August 19, 2014)*





*Illustration 7: Red Arrow granite monument, front, looking east. (Nader Sayadi, August 19, 2014)*



*Illustration 8: Red Arrow granite monument, back, looking west. (Nader Sayadi, August 19, 2014)*





*Illustration 9: Two plaques on boulders, located on the ground, on two sides (east and west) of the flagpole. Looking southeast. (Nader Sayadi, August 19, 2014)*

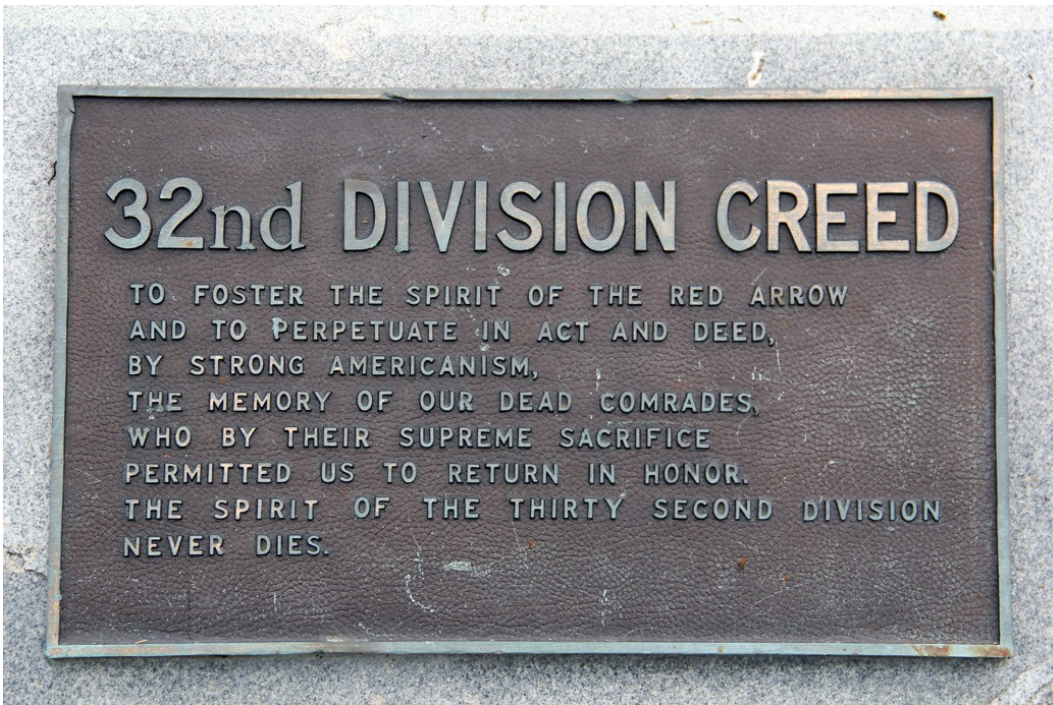


*Illustration 10: Two plaques on boulders, located on the ground, on two sides (east and west) of the flagpole. Looking southwest. (Nader Sayadi, August 19, 2014)*





*Illustration 11: Bronze plaque on gray granite boulder, located east of the flagpole.  
(Nader Sayadi, August 19, 2014)*



*Illustration 12: Eastern bronze plaque. (Nader Sayadi, August 19, 2014)*





*Illustration 13: Bronze plaque on gray granite boulder, located west of the flagpole. (Nader Sayadi, August 19, 2014)*



*Illustration 14: Western bronze plaque. (Nader Sayadi, August 19, 2014)*





*Illustration 15: The steel flagpole with a bronze ball on top. (Nader Sayadi, August 19, 2014)*



*Illustration 16: The plaque on the flagpole. (Nader Sayadi, August 19, 2014)*





*Illustration 17: Contamination caused by candle lighting. (Nader Sayadi, August 19, 2014)*



*Illustration 18: Damage on the granite base of the eastern plaque. (Nader Sayadi, August 19, 2014)*